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Business and Industry Comment: Climate Technology Center and Network

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Business and Industry welcome the establishment of the Climate Technology Center & Network as an essential part of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism. Business and Industry already actively participates as observers in the Technology Executive Committee and we look forward to establishing a comprehensive interface to the CTC&N.

We understand that the primary role of CTC&N will be to respond to requests from developing countries concerning technology issues. In these activities, Business and Industry has much to offer. We offer three observations:

- First, we welcome inclusion of one representative from business on the newly agreed Advisory Board. Business groups active in the international climate process are voluntarily working to identify an appropriate candidate. However, we do not believe that a single individual, acting in their personal capacity, through the Advisory Board, can adequately tap in to the enormous range of experience and capacity of global business, or be viewed as a single point of access.
- Second, business and industry intends to be an active participant in operational aspects that emerge through Technology Networks. In particular, through its experience, business can assist in identifying existing networks that support the deployment of technologies in developing countries.
- Third, we believe that it will be even more important to design effective interfaces that allow the full global business community to interact not just at meetings of the Advisory Board, but also with ongoing activities of the CTC&N throughout the year, for example in the preparation of reports and analyses, organization and conduct of workshops, and reviews of progress.

Business groups active in the international climate process are working to identify effective ways to interface to the CTC&N. We look forward to working with UNEP and others to forge an effective CTC&N.

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